THE COURT OF INQUIRY HEARS SOME SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY.

OPED IN THE MEAT-MAGGOTS FOUND IN CANS BY A REGULAR ARMY

OFFICER. Chicago, March 15.-The last witness called sefore the Army Beef Court of Inquiry to-day red to be a sensational one. He was an offi-Davis, of the 1st Cavalry, called at the reat of Major Lee, the representative of Genral Miles. Lieutenant Davis testified that in cals half of the canned roast beef issued to the THE KIND OF MEAT USED IN CANNING. was thrown away, because it was unfit He testified that he had opened one can imself and found maggots in it.

They were canned in there." The witness re-

"Are you aware that in the process of canning

I don't mean to say they were alive. They wi Davis

were dead," replied Lieutenant Davis.

While in Porto Rico, twenty-five

short it than anybody else. The witness took action of General Grant.

"He did "

wking of that which was issued? Did you inter-

we could not get anything else. We had sed roast beef nearly all the white, and the It was ordered condemned and we buried a lot of it. One of the on said if we didn't bury it it would bury us. the meat. It was simply spoiled. The meat had indoubtedly been acted upon by the heat, which had softened it. The fat and grease and gelathe had all intermingled with the fibre."

When the men ceased eating the canned must beef was there any improvement?" asked

"Yes, the canned roast beef generally gave them diarrhown and gastro-enteritis."

"Did you in an official way recommend its tion.

"Yes, sir, to my immediate commander." Did the commissary come around and find

'He came around several times and told us it

was all right. I think it was Captain Piper. Be told us it was all right, and we would have

timest as soon as the can was opened. I thiskptomaines were developed almost immedi-

Welyafter the opening of the cans." To what do you attribute the had condition

and made it into fair bread."

I think it was the bakers themselves, perhaps the overes, the natives took the same flour

The next witness was Colonel Fred Bennitt.

M the 34 Illinois Volunteers. He spoke of the Toyage from Newport News to Porto Rico.

There were a great many complaints about the canned roust heef," he said. "The complaint thout the canned roast heef was that it was Assenting Specimens were brought to me for manination, and I found them very repulsive. Demeat had a disagreeable smell. I made frelest representations to General Grant about fanned must beef, but he insisted that the Table was lack of knowledge on the part of

Mis came to Arroyo with a lot of refrigerated of on board, and that some of it was thrown verboard. The complaint about the refrigerated was that it showed signs of decomposition. Perhaps 50 per cent of it was thrown away-

The witness desired to have the testimony in "fard to the condition of the wagons in which the meat was hauled stricken out, or to have in Sportunity to refute it. The Court permitted in to explain. Colonel Bennttt said the wag-

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become nervous, irritable, pale, and thin because of hard

supply the blood with iron, pronote appetite, improve digestion, co not constipate, build up the system, and make the cheeks

round and rosy. 50 tablets in a box. Sold by all druggists.

POISONED BY CANNED BEEF, one of the 3d Illinois were especially used for day, were kept clean, hay having been placed in the

said that he did not eat any of the canned roast beef or the refrigerated beef. He was not sick A SURGEON BELIEVES PTOMAINES DEVEL- at all. He bought some canned bacon and fresh the label of Libby, McNeill & Libby. Major Joseph A. Sanborn, of the 1st Illinois,

In answer to Colonel Gillespie, the witness

testified that the canned roast beef was unpalatable. He inspected the refrigerated beef. Two issues out of three were in fine condition,

The witnesses attributed the spoiling of meat to the neglect of those charged with the duty of

George Lees, the next witness, gave his occupation as that of packing-house expert, putting up machinery and apparatus for large packing-Major Lee asked: "How did the maggots get houses. He said he was familiar with the classes 'What are 'canners'" asked Major Lee

What is generally termed 'canners' are a his meat undergoes such an intense heat that them would be condemned in any English mar-

About what per cent of nutriment would be left in the meat that goes in the can?"

"Little or none."

Walter C. Jones, sergeant of Company K, 33d Michigan Volunteers, testified that during the nd the surrender, there were saltery and the surrender, there were saltery and the salter so are as he knew, none were made in regard to a making the men sick.
Captain Anson L. Bolte, of the lat Illinois folunteers, testified that he heard no complaints

about canned roast beef except when eaten cold, when it was unpalatable.

wis J. Wells, first lieutenant in the 1st Illi-

William H. Replogs testified that he served In the Hospital Corps at Porto Rico, and that canned roast beef was frequently issued to the corps. He had seen three or four cans opened with maggots running out of them. Witness said that at Guayamo he saw a piece of cooked fresh beef which had maggots in it.

In reply to Major Lee the witness told of the clokness of one Thompson, who had nothing

iled-about half of it-and it was buried.

OFFENSIVE IN APPEARANCE.

Corporal Frank P. Rogan, 7th Infantry, said he did not hear any complaints about the canned roast beef on the voyage to Cuba. In Cuba he saw some which had no taste, smelled had and had a green slime over it. Very little of it was

In answer to Major Lee the witness said that many of the men vomited after eating canned

fantry, said that after landing in Cuba canned roast beef and bacon were served to his con mand. "I heard no complaints about the canned

NOT FIT FOR A RATION.

In reply to Major Lee, the witness said that canned rount beef was absolutely unfit for a ra-

some for the American soldier?"

like chips. There is no substance and the fat and grease are absolutely repulsive,"

"Do you consider canned roast beef wholesome for the American soldjer" "It is undoubtedly unwholesome. It tastes like chips. There is no substance and the fat and grease are absolutely repulsive."

Colonel Henry L. Turner, who went to Cuba in command of the 1st Ellinois Infantry, and became brigadier-general of the Second Brigade of the Third Division of the Fifth Army Corps, said that on the way to Cuba there was a good deal of unofficial complaint about the canned roast beef, and as the result of an official complaint the surrecon condemned a lot of it and it was thrown overboard. The cans had swoilen the appearament of Captain Richard R. STERDMAN. became brigadier-general of the Sometimes we substituted what they meat it. Sometimes we substituted what they of the Third Division of the Fifth Army Corps.

It is not a fact to death. They spent all continued as the result of an official complaint about the canned roast beef, and some of it and it was thrown overboard. The cans had swollength meat was thrown overboard. The cans had swollength meat was thrown overboard. The principal meat was canned roast beef. A good deal of the refrigerated beef spoiled, possibly from the intense of the was durk.

The greater beef spoiled, possibly from the intense of it looked well, but some of it, but could make the was alsolutely revolting."

When the beef was eaten from cans did you was the could not do the first empired out of the can immediately."

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climate. He regarded it as a very unwholesome ration for himself, and, from the effect on the men, very unwholesome for them also. He re-garded it as a contributing cause of the sick-ness of the men. He had also tried to cat the efrigerated beef, but could not, as it gave him

SAYS MAGGOTS WERE CANNED IN IT. He said that in Caba the men opened all the cans of roast beef issued to them, but only consumed half of the contents on an average; the rest was thrown away because it was unfit to eat. The contents of the can, he said, would be about three-quarters suct, not what one would call meat. Perhaps one-quarter or one-fifth of the can would be good fibre meat. The rest appeared to be tailings or clippings. Sometimes a can would be entirely spoiled. Witness said he once opened a can which smelled had; he ex-amined it and found maggots in it.

Major Lee: "How did the maggots get in this date:

there?"
"They were canned in there."
"They were canned in there."
Colonel Davis: "Are you aware that in the process of canning this meat undergoes such an intense heat that no animal life could survive

were dead."

Major Lee: "You are positive about the identity of the animal?"

"Yes sir. Quite positive."

"In consequence of the canned roast beef not being sufficiently sustaining and not having nutriment in it, did your men lack for food?"

"They did."

Colonel Gillowski, "When

"They did."
Colonel Gillospie: "What was the name of this brand that you found with maggets in it?"
"It was Swift & Co. s brand."
"Are you certain of that?" court adjourned to meet in Omaha to-

"NOTHING BUT BOILED MEAT."

CANNED ROAST REEF. Chicago, March la William J. Wilson, former West Park Commissioner and founder of the Wilson Packing Company, which supplied canned beef to fore the Court of Inquiry. The Wilson company went out of existence in 1885, and it has no successor, according to its founder. It is said that the to go into the business of canning compressed SENATOR JONES IMPROVING STEADILY.

Washington, March 15.-Senator Jones, of Arkan-There never was such an article as canned roast beef for commercial purposes," said Mr. Wilson to- is improving stendily.

"It is possible to can it, but too expensive to FATE OF THE YACHT NORNA TO INSPECT ISTHMIAN CANAL ROUTES. make it practicable. Every bit of beef that is sold bolled meat. Canned roast beef is a trade lie, and

that is all you can say for it. "I do not hesitate to speak plainly of it, for the reason that I believe it will do the packing trade good to have the matter stirred up. I have some canned beef and tongue at my house which my mony before the War Investigating Board.

## ARMY ORDERS.

Washington, March 15.-The following Army

Captain GEORGE P AHERN 9th Infantry, is relie-

from duty as assistant mustering office of New-York, and will join his regime:

The following transfers are made to take effect

Captain SAMCEL D. FREEMAN, from the 5th Cavalry to the 10th Cavalry, Troop L.

Pirat Lieufenant WILLIAM C. RAFPERTY, let Artillery First Lieufenant CHARLES L. PHILLIPS, 4th Artillery Pirst Lieufenant MILLIAM F. HARMON OMETERMS L. PIRST Lieufenant GEORGE W. VAN DELSEN Adjutant, let Artillery First Lieufenant CHARLES F. SUMMERALL Become Lieufenant CHARLES F. SUMMERALL WAS ARTICLED FOR LIEUTENANT AND ARTICLES F. SUMMERALL WAS ARTICLED FOR LIEUTENANT LIEUTENANT AUGUST AND ARTICLES F. SUMMERALL WAS ARTICLED FOR LIEUTENANT LIEUFENANT LIEUFEN

Captain TRENWELL W. MCORE to the 21st Infantry, Company C. to date from January 16, vice Election, promoted. He will remain on duty with the 22st in-fantry small the arrival of the 21st infantry in the Philippine Islands, when he will join the latter regi-

Captain HAYMOND R STEVENS, to the ligh Intantry, Company I, to date from February d, vice Richards, promoted. He will remain on duly with the 22d Intonity until the arrival of the life infantry in the Tull prine Islands, when he will join the latter rest-

ment.

I Lieutenant JAMES W CLINTON, to the 223 In-itantry, Company G, to date from January 16, vice Moore, promoted. He will report to the commanding general. Deportment of California, San Francisco, for dury with troope on route to the Unitaphine felands, where he will join the 223 Infantry.

The following transfers are made to take effect First Lieutenant HENRY E EAMES, from the 14th Infantry to the 11th Infantry

First Lieutenam ROBERT FIELD, from the 11th In-fantry to the 14th Infantry Company P. Lieutenam Enney will join the 11th Infantry, and the regimental commander will assign him to a company. Captain F W. WOODERING, assistant quartermaster, will proceed on the transport Sedgwick from Savannah to Santingo, Cura, and thence by the same transport to Newport News, Va.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS.

Washington, March 15.-The Prairie was put out of commission at the League Island Navy Yard to-day preparatory to being fitted out for the use of the naval militia of the Atlantic Coast States. The Resolute has arrived at Key West and the Essex at La Guayra. The Monadnock has arrived at Hong Kong, to be docked.

NEW FOURTH CLASS POSTMASTERS. Washington, March 15.-The following were A FORMER PACKER'S OFINION OF THE SO-CALLED among the fourth-class postmasters appointed to-

New-Jersey-Green Creek, Seth Miller, jr. New-York-Campbell, H. B. Willard. EX-GOVERNOR FLETCHER NO BETTER.

PICKED UP AND LOST BY A BRITISH WARSHIP IN THE RED SEA.

THE FORMER RACING SCHOONER WAS CRUISING AROUND THE WORLD WITH A PARTY OF WRITERS AND PHO-

Washington, March 15,-Consul Cunningham, at petition has driven the packing companies to can Aden, Arabia, reports to the State Department that

> The yacht referred to is undoubtedly the old racing schooner Norna, designed by A. Cary Smith

In October, 1896, the Norma was fitted out for a cruise around the world, the passengers having the intention of "writing up" foreign chased the schooner and had her taken to the ship-N. J., where she was overhauled and put in thor-

of the Norna, and she hoisted the flag of the Attion to N. J. Weaver, consisted of Mrs. C. C. Col-The Norma reached Fayal, in the Azores, about

& R. Poillon, and was built She hailed from New-York.

es the following story of the cruise of the written by one of the party, who sailed ew-York on the wacht. Buffalo, March 15 .- "The News" this afternoon blishes the following story of the cruise of the

om New-York on the yacht.

The yacht Norna was built in 1879 by A. Cary
mith, and was one of the stanchest craft of her
miss that ever sailed from New-York Harbor. She washington, March 15.—The re-establishment of that ever sailed from New-York Harbor, She da grew of sixteen men, under the composition of Commodore N. J. Weaver on November 1, 1898, she left New-York bound on a cruise de the world for a newspaper syndicate which et was supposed to have organized. She at Haltimore and Norfolk, and fell into this through the alloged indiscretions of the dwarf. From Norfolk she went to Berewhere she law for a month, while Weaver where she law for a month, while Weaver und a she sailed for the Azores, and afterward that has already here encountered in Southern that has already here necountered in Southern ports has hastened matters at Camp Meade, and the coast of Africa. Al Funchal as not allowed to land on account of the lack was delayed to land the coast of Africa and the coast of Africa and the coast of Africa and the lack was delayed to la

till of health, the English garrisons in the Mediterranean haster again got into difficulties, but managed on London, where for many weeks he lived. Hotel Ce-II, posing as a millionaire American who proposed to establish a great daily in reach London, where for many weeks he lived the Hotel Ce-il, posing as a millionaire Ameri-who proposed to establish a great daily in don made on the lines of Harmsworth's 'Daily it'.' Again he had trouble, and the yacht was it for debt. The yacht was next reported in the literranean, where the "commodore" was living all the swellest clubs and pursuing his pet discements. His wife and little son had been left. New-York. Mrs. Weaver died suddenly in New-York. Mrs. Weaver died suddenly in New-York. Mrs. Weaver died suddenly in New-York. And the "Commodore" came back America for a few days and took his son abroad in him. At that time the yacht was somewhere the French coast, and since then nothing has in heard from her in this country until to-day, earlied the flag of the Atlantic Yacht Club of Wyork, of which organization Weaver was at time a member. With the exception of Weaver of the parties mentioned as having sailed from a York on the Norna left the vessel before she cred the Mediterranean. Weaver was born in veignd, where his father was a well-known in He sailed the lakes for some years, and was expert yachtsman.

TRAIN DERAILED BY A LANDSLIDE. Sunbury, Penn., March 15. The Buffalo and Rochster express on the Northern Central Railroad ran into a landslide near here early this morning. The engine and several cars were detailed. The bag-gree-car rolled down an embankment. The bag-greenaster, who sustained a brutsed shoulder, was the only person burt. Traffic was delayed a few

THE NEEDED RAIN IN CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, March 15-The drouth, which was threatening the loss of millions of dollars in the State, has been broken by a rainstorm while ch of rain has already been distributed over the

LIGHTS AT DELAWARE BREAKWATER. Narragansett Pier, R. L. March 15.-Captain Stephen T. Caswell, of this place, commander of the schooner William B. Steelman, that was wrecked off the old ice-breaker, Delaware Break-water, on the morning of Tilesday, March 7, will enter a protest on account of the loss of his vessel. Captoin Caswell, who has been a shipmaster for thirty years, states that he attributes the disaster mainly to the improper position of the flashlight at the west end of the old breakwater, which, he holds, should be at once changed to the eastern point of the old ice-breakwater, where his vessel went ashore, and where a dangerous place is unarked. schooner William B. Steelman, that was

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A LARGE PARTY OF CONGRESSMEN WILL GO AS

Washington, March 15 .- About sixty Senators and trip to inspect the routes of the proposed Nicaragua and Panama canals, coming home by way of San dies. They will go as the guests of the Panama given on the last day of the session of Congress to Representative Button's Committee on Rivers and Harbars and Senator Frye's Committee on Rivers and Harbars and Senator Frye's Committee on Com-merce. The invitation has since been extended so as to include a number of members of both houses outside of these two committees. The party will have an ocean steamer to tiself and will sail from New-York about March 23 and from Mobile April 1.

BELGIUM RESTRICTS THE IMPORTATION OF

Washington, March 15.-United States Consul-Roosevelt, at Brussels, has forwarded to the State Belgian Government relative to the importation ound on American fruits, the importation of such each fruits and parts of plants can take place only Antworp, Ghent and Ostend on the production certificates from competent authority. The im-orter is to pay the expense of an expert examina-on to be made by agents of the Belgian Govern-

COSTA RICA SAID TO BE TRANQUIL.

MINISTER CALVO DENIES THE REPORT THAT

REVOLT IS SPREADING. Washington, March 15. Senor Calvo, the Minister a passenger on a steamer arriving in New-York that the revolt was spreading. Senor Calvo

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE SERVICE UNDER

manent feature of the Postoffice Department those familiar with the subject say that in populous sections, where the country is thickly interspersed with farmhouses and correspondence naturally is considerable, the system will be self-

POSTAL OFFICIALS START FOR CUBA. Washington, March 15 .- A party of postal officials comprising Postmaster-General Smith, Mr. Bristow, the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General; Mr.

MR. VANDERLIP RETURNS TO WORK. Washington, March 15.-Frank A. Vanderlip, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after an absence

RE-ESTABLISHING CAMP MEADE.

for the muster-out of volunteer troops is going rapidly forward. An officer of the Quartermaster's Department has been there for some time and is putting the camp in condition for the troops. To-day Major Harry E. Wilkins, chief commissary of subsistence at New-York was ordered to Camp Meade to purchase and have on hand supplies to feed the troops when they reach the camp. The difficulty that has already been encountered in Southern ports has bastened matters at Camp Meade.

WAR DEPARTMENT FORCE REDUCED. Washington, March 15.-There was a large reduction in the clerical force of the War Department to-day, one hundred and twenty employes being reduced in grade and fifty-nine being discharged from the service. The reason was the reduced state of the appropriations for their employment. These clerks and messengers were employed as a special force to meet the emergency caused by the war, being appointed directly and without reference to Civil Service fules, and were matrily women. Consequently there were some exhibitions of distress on the announcement of the Department's order.

LARGE FEBRUARY EXPORTS

WILL PROBABLY SHOW INCREASE OVER ALL FORMER MONTHS EXCEPT

[BT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUSE.]

Washington, March 15.-February exports are history of the United States export trade, with th cotton and mineral offs issued by the Bureau of 894, against \$49.843,896 in February, 1897, and \$52,114,tion of 1898, no February shows as large export of \$62.000 536, about \$6,000,000 greater than those of the

pared with the corresponding month of 1898, doe not indicate an actual reduction in exports, but ing articles exported. Wheat exports, for instance against 7,000,000 bushels in the corresponding mont with February, 1899, amount to 108,807,800 hushe against 101,423662 bushels in the corresponding eight months of last year, while the value is only \$81,173,649, against 393,982,566 in the correspondent the corresponding eight months of last slight reduction in quantity, though the value of the corn exports for the eight months ending with February, 1899, is \$43,516,770, against \$41,006,356 for the slightly larger quantity exported in the corre sponding eight months of 1898.

PRICE OF WHEAT LOWER.

It is therefore apparent that while export prices ago, those of wheat are materially less, and that t is this reduction in the export price of wheat can exports. In other words, it is not a reduction

for this largest article of the United States export trade.

While the wheat producers are not obtaining as satisfactory prices for their products as they did at this time last year, the cotton-growers are more fortunate. The February exports of cotton which amounted to 283.412.706 pounds, were valued at \$17.205.423 while 388.85.600 pounds exported in February of last year were valued at only £1.701.165, the average export price last year being below six cents a pound, while this year it is considerably above six cents. In quantity the February exports of rotton in 1896 are larger than those of February, 1897 or 1896, but considerably below those of February 1897 or 1896, but considerably as a side from wheat February exports seem likely to be more satisfactory than usual, those of provisions in February 1898 being larger than in the corresponding months of 1895, 1897 or 1896, while manufactures continue the steady growth over last year and over any preceding year.

REDUCTION SHOWN BY EXPORTS. The reduction in prices of agricultural products is plainly apparent in the relative proportion of the total exports which they form in the seven months ending with January. In that period they formed only 69.92 per cent of the total exports, while in the corresponding months of last year they were 71.88 per cent of the total exports. Manufactures make a satisfactory showing, their percentage of the total exports being 24.74 per cent, against 22.58 per cent in the corresponding month of last year. On only two occasions have the exports of manufactures shown in the full fiscal year as large a percentage of the total exports as in the seven months just ended, although the value of the exportations of other articles has been unusually large. It seems probable that the exportations of the fiscal year which ends June 30, 1898, will be the largest in the history of the country, the revised figures for the seven months showing a total of \$189.549.348, against \$18.357, 87 in the corresponding months of 1898, the year making nding months of 1898, the year making

THE CZAR'S PEACE CONFERENCE. NO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES

Washington, March 15 .- it is said at the State Department that no selection has yet been made of representatives of the United States at the ap-

RETURNING SOLDIERS' BODIES.

A REQUEST FROM THE WAR DEPARTMENT TO

given to the press to-day by Adjutant-General Cor-The Secretary of War requests that parents and friends of soldiers who were killed around Santiago or who have since died in Cuba, desiring their remains sent home, send their home addresses to the Quartermaster-General. United States Army, Washington, D. C., and the remains upon arrival in this country will be sent by express to the address given. Otherwise, the remains will be interred at Arlington.

BOARD TO EXAMINE REAR-ADMIRALS.

Washington, March 15.-Secretary Long to-day appointed a board of rear-admirals to examine the officers recently promoted to the grade of rear-adofficers recently promoted to the grade of rear-admiral under the Personnel act. The board comprises the only officers who were previously of the
rank of rear-admiral available namely, McNair,
Howell and Howtson and it will meet in the city
next Monday to begin examinations. These are to
be professional, and the records of the officers to be
examined will serve as the basis, it not being necessary to appear personally before the board.

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